Stephanie DuBois

From:	Richard Rose [richard_rose@nmenv.state.nm.us]
Sent:	Monday, May 23, 2005 3:06 PM
To:	'Stephanie DuBois'
Cc:	Jim Chiasson
Subject:	RE:

Good call, I agree. John has been complaining about the disproportionate costs for some time. I would like to get us more involved to learn if all side share that view. No matter what alternative is selected, it won't work without O&M. Why don't you try and set a date and time, hopefully when you'll be here, and let me know.

-----Original Message-----
From: Stephanie DuBois [mailto:stephanie_dubois@nmenv.state.nm.us]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 2:30 PM
To: Richard P Rose Ph. D P. E.
Subject:

Richard,

I just spoke with John Waters of Ruidoso Downs and he has a lot of concerns regarding the wastewater treatment plant alternatives outlined in the PER. I did review the PER and noted a few comments, especially regarding the total costs of the plant. (See attached review letter and checklist). I sent the PER to Bob Gott for his technical review of the alternatives. Be aware that the Village/City is under an administrative order due to phosphorus limitations. This limit is what is driving the more expensive alternative.
Steve Baumgard can fill you in on this EPA administrative order.

According to Mr. Waters, he does not have the budget to keep up with the current operation and maintenance costs, that the Village sets and there is no way that they can afford any alternatives outlined in the PER. Apparently this rate was increased 30%, which is double the amount from previous years (15%).

I think we need to set up a meeting with the City, Village, Bob Gott, Molzen Corbin, Steve Baumgard, and CPB to see what can be done. It doesn't seem as if Ruidoso Downs is getting to communicate their feelings regarding the existing and future WWTP.

I will be out the next two weeks and this week is out of the question.

Stephanie

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From:	Stephanie DuBois [stephanie_dubois@nmenv.state.nm.us]
Sent:	Tuesday, May 24, 2005 9:38 AM
To:	John Waters (jwaters@zianet.com); Cleatus Richards (vorproj@zianet.com); Lorri McKnight (vormanager@zianet.com); Robert Gott (rwgwutap@vcimail.com); 'steve_baumgarn@nmenv.state.nm.us'; 'cmohler@molzencorbin.com'; 'ggarcia@dfa.state.nm.us'
Cc:	Richard P Rose Ph. D P. E. (richard_rose@nmenv.state.nm.us)
Subject:	Ruidoso Wastewater Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

Hello All,

I spoke with John Waters of Ruidoso Downs and he has a lot of concerns regarding the wastewater treatment plant alternatives outlined in the PER. I did review the PER and noted a few comments, especially regarding the total costs of the plant. I have sent the PER to Bob Gott of the Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program for his technical review of the alternatives. Construction Programs Bureau is aware that the Village/City is under an administrative order due to phosphorus limitations and the limit is the driving mechanism for the preferred alternative.

According to Mr. Waters, he does not have the budget to keep up with the current operation and maintenance costs, that the Village sets and there is no way that the Downs can afford any alternatives outlined in the PER. Apparently this rate was increased 30%, which is double the amount from previous years (15%).

I feel that we need to set up a meeting with the City, Village, Bob Gott, Del Archuleta of Molzen Corbin, Steve Baumgarn, Gerald Garcia of the Department of Finance & Administration, and CPB to see what can be done. It doesn't seem as if Ruidoso Downs is getting to communicate their feelings regarding the existing and future WWTP. No matter what alternative is selected, it won't work without operation & maintenance.

Please let me know what date works best for everyone. I suggest the week of June 20-24 to hold a meeting at Molzen Corbin's office in Albuquerque. This will give everyone enough time to check and clear their schedules and Molzen seems to be the most neutral place to conduct this meeting.

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To: Gerald Garcia
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From: S. DuBois
Re: Ruidoso WWTP

This wouldn't go through to your email address.
I have not heard from anyone regarding a meeting.

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5/23/05 i uns - budget problems
John waters 30% up - voted not appror. budget
(New WWTP expenses 8% increase)
    collection system; just for operation
    not new WWTP

→ $27-35 million phos. limit pushing
    up the alternative
    $900,000 current $ collect

- Can't pay operate than current
    + future expansion of WWTP

- Rate increase - 35% 3 yrs ago

- Break regional plant; build own
    system

Pay large amt - Sludge disposal to Tatum

→ Sludge Press $100,000 Rental
- No audit done; pay true % going
    toward what is needed
    National Avg. 4%
- Can't afford plant

- irrigation golf course / cropland
- Mes dero Apache take
-       Inject into ground / retention
time / drinking water

- cheaper build own plant
  $166,000 Village hire operators
- Mescalero Tribe added in (don't pay
capital costs / only pd. impact fee
not toward Joint Users Board

- 0 discharge (Ruidoso said no)
2 evaluates
wtr rts decisions tie Ruidoso Dams to